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SUBJECT: REPORTED LAO COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, ROGER DUZER, SAYS HE
LEARNED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE JULY 23 THAT IN A JULY 21
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LPRP, THE
HARDLINERS (KAYSONE AND NOUHAK) WERE IN A MINORITY IN A
VOTE WON BY THE MODERATES LED BY PHOUMI VONGVICHIT
AND SOUPHANOUVONG. THE SUBJECT OF THE VOTE WAS NOT
IDENTIFIED. DUZER STOPPED SHORT OF THE MORE
SENSATIONALIST RUMORS BEING SPREAD BY THE LAO AND
CERTAIN JOURNALISTS HERE TO THE EFFECT THAT KAYSONE
HAD BEEN "VOTED OUT". IN ANY CASE, DUZER HAD AN
AUDIENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE ON JULY 23.

2. A LOCAL JOURNALIST WITH LONG BACKGROUND IN
INDOCHINESE AFFAIRS AND GOOD CONTACTS HERE
LEARNED THE MORE EXTREME VERSION OF THE STORY FROM
KONG LE ON JULY 25. KONG LE SAID HE HAD HEARD OF
THE MEETING IN A TELEGRAM FROM HIS SUPPORTERS IN LAOS.
(KONG LE ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN LAO COMMUNIST
LEADERS IN VIENTIANE; HE SAID HE USED FRENCH
DOCUMENTATION WITH A FALSE NAME FOR A TRIP TO SEA
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INCLUDING LAOS.)

3. COMMENT: DUZER SAID THAT HIS SOURCE WAS RELIABLE,
AND WE THEREFORE THINK THERE MUST BE SOMETHING TO THE
STORY. AS FOR KONG LE'S TRIP, WE BELIEVE HE MAY
HAVE VISITED SEA, BUT WE DOUBT HE GOT INTO LAOS.
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